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FERNALD AWARDS SUBCONTRACT FOR SILOS PROJECT

CINCINNATI, Ohio -- The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that Fluor Daniel Fernald has awarded a \$50 million, four-year subcontract to Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, based in Livingston, NJ, for the Silos 1 and 2 Accelerated Waste Retrieval (AWR) Project at the Fernald Environmental Management Project. The subcontract was awarded on February 26, 1999.

Foster Wheeler will design, construct and operate a waste retrieval system and a transfer tank storage system. The objective of the AWR is to transfer the residues out of Silos 1 and 2 prior to treatment of the materials. As part of the AWR project, a Radon Control System will be designed, constructed and operated to reduce the radon concentration in the silo head space before, during and after retrieval of the material for worker and public protection.

The retrieval method is to remove the material into four 750,000 gallon steel tanks by using a hydraulic retrieval process. The wastewater generated from the waste retrieval process will be collected in to a 250,000 gallon decant/supernate tank for treatment prior to sending it to the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility for final treatment and disposal. The transfer tanks will be housed behind concrete walls for radiation shielding. The AWR project is scheduled to be complete by September, 2003.

In parallel with this effort, DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald are continuing to work closely with regulators and stakeholders to determine the final cleanup approach for Silos 1 and 2. This effort is currently being carried out through development of the revised Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan and the Record of Decision Amendment process.

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"The award of this contract is a significant step toward the final remediation of the Silo material," explains Nina Akgunduz, DOE-Fernald Silos Project Team Leader. "The AWR project will address the concerns with the radon in the silo head space, structural integrity of the concrete silos, and remove potential bottle-necks associated with the final remediation."

Foster Wheeler has extensive experience in environmental restoration projects and will utilize the services of COGEMA, Grey Pilgrim, Oceaneering, Battelle and XL Associates on the AWR project. The company will also utilize the skills and experience of current Fernald employees to operate and maintain the new facilities.

Silos 1 and 2 contain approximately 8,900 cubic yards of low-level uranium ore residues. There is also a third silo at Fernald, that contains about 5,100 cubic yards of cold metal oxides, and a fourth silo that is empty. The Silos Project is one of five major areas being remediated at the site.

Additional information about the Silos Project is available in the Public Environmental Information Center, 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway (Delta Building), or on Fernald's Web site at www.fernald.gov.

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